

WEATHER FORECAST.

Fair to-day; to-morrow unsettled, probably showers; moderate temperature. Highest temperature yesterday, 80; lowest, 68. Detailed weather reports will be found on editorial page.

DAILY TO CONSIDER BRITISH PROPOSAL IN SECRET MEETING

Sinn Fein Cabinet Decides to Convene Republican Parliament Next Wednesday.

WILL SUBMIT NAMES

Believed Advisable to Refer Question of Sending Plenipotentiaries to Full Conclave.

OPTIMISM RUNNING HIGH

Irish and English Newspapers Regard Lloyd George's Letter as Opening Door Wider for Agreement.

By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, Sept. 9.—Convocation of a private meeting of the Irish Republic's Parliament for next Wednesday to consider the British Cabinet's invitation to a conference on the Irish question at Inverness on September 20 was decided upon this afternoon at a meeting of the Sinn Fein Cabinet, over which Eamon de Valera presided.

If plenipotentiaries to the conference are to be appointed, as was suggested in Premier Lloyd George's letter, delivered to Mr. de Valera last night, it is understood that in order to give them greater authority their names should be submitted to a full meeting of the Dail Eireann. Consequently, members of that body have been remaining in Dublin expecting the summons to attend the Parliament meeting.

Griffith to Be Chief Figure.

A rumor was current in Sinn Fein circles here to-day that if plenipotentiaries are appointed Mr. de Valera does not desire to be one of them, being willing to leave the conduct of negotiations to Arthur Griffith, the Sinn Fein Foreign Minister. In any case, Mr. Griffith will be the chief figure in the negotiations once actual business is approached.

Irish newspapers received the Prime Minister's note favorably, but it must be remembered there are no Sinn Fein papers. The Freeman's Journal said to-day the note opened the door wider than before, and that the "form of the invitation gets rid of embarrassing conditions and limitations which would have fettered discussion."

The Irish Independent remarked that the original six conditions imposed by Mr. Lloyd George had been either waived or left open for arrangement. Roger Sweetman, formerly Sinn Fein Member of the British Parliament for Wicklow, who resigned his seat as a protest against physical force being brought against Ireland, writes to the Irish Independent declaring the Government's offer cannot be finally rejected and was renewed without a conference.

London Press Comment.

LONDON, Sept. 9.—"It is impossible to say," says the Daily News on the Premier's note to Mr. de Valera, "that the present note asks anything whatever of Ireland that is not freely conceded by Australia, Canada and the ruling majority of South Africa. This may not be the basis for an agreement, but it appears monstrous to say it is not the basis for a discussion."

The Daily Chronicle says that in the answer they send to London Mr. de Valera and his friends must decide whether they are for or against a settlement.

Doubt whether Mr. de Valera will reply that the only guaranty that he can accept will be a guaranty of complete separation is voiced by the Daily Express, which adds: "We believe a way will yet be found to secure to Ireland the liberty and freedom within the empire that will ensure her every measure of prosperity and development to which she is entitled as a self-governing dominion."

The London Times declares that if the Sinn Fein regards Mr. Lloyd George's invitation as incompatible with the principle of self-determination it will be placing a "narrow and unjustifiable" interpretation upon it. The newspaper asserts that Mr. Lloyd George "opens the door to an agreement between the British and Irish representatives which was set for September 20. The reason given is that the influx of visitors into the highlands has made it difficult to get accommodations."

DISCORDANT FACTIONS FIGHTING IN BELFAST

Shooting Takes Place Where Truce Was Effectuated.

By the Associated Press.

BELFAST, Sept. 9.—Shortly before 10 o'clock this evening there was shooting in Meadow street between the discordant factions.

This "shoot" was in the North Queen street area of the city, where a truce had been arranged during the day. The truce was made in the presence of the military which had called the factions to meet.

When you think of writing, think of WHITING—Ad.

33 Churches Will Unite in a Killjoy Campaign

WOODLAKE, Ky., Sept. 9.—A united campaign against motion pictures, dancing, immodest undress, mixed bathing, divorce, Sunday baseball, card playing, horse racing, gambling and violation of the prohibition laws will be begun by the thirty-three churches of the Elkhorn Baptist Association on Sunday, October 2, it was announced here to-day.

A unanimous vote to make a united effort against all forms of worldliness was recorded. The association is composed of churches in six Kentucky counties.

THREATS IN LETTER FOR MRS. HARRIMAN

Singer, Seized as Hotel Beat at Waldorf Sought Loans From Prominent Persons.

OWES \$91 TO THE M'ALPIN

Asked \$100 in One Note Planning to 'Prey on Over-Jewelled Women.'

William M. Gibson, a barytone from Black Water, Mo., wrote letters to Mrs. E. H. Harriman, "Mrs. De Peyster" and "Mrs. Duke" and possibly others, asking for a loan to enable him to complete his musical education, and threatening, if the money was not forthcoming, that he would turn bandit.

This was learned when Gibson was arrested at the Waldorf-Astoria last night under the hotel beat act, charged with leaving the McAlpin with an unpaid bill of \$91.06. The beginning threatening letters addressed to the three women named were not mailed. They were found in his baggage at the hotel.

Gibson is about 25 years old, well dressed and good looking. He declared he had sung in several musical shows in the West and believed himself in line for a great singing career if he could get money enough to continue study. He told the police he had been in town about six weeks, but refused to say where he had been before he went to the McAlpin.

In Night Court Magistrate McQuade

held him for examination next Tuesday in \$500 bail.

Gibson was arrested by Detective Denison of the hotel detective staff and Detective Finn of the West Third street station was called in to go through his baggage and question him. The letters and several suits of clothes, well cut and of good material, were found.

"Why did you write these letters?"

Finn inquired.

"Why, because I needed the money," the barytone replied, according to Finn. "I needed money to play and I had none, and I needed money to continue my studies."

The police say they learned that Gibson had sent one letter to a socially prominent woman living at the Ambassador, requesting the loan of \$100. They refused to give her name. This letter said that unless he got the money he would "prey on over-jewelled and under-dressed society women like yourself."

He informed her he understood she was worth a million dollars and thought she could easily spare \$100. The police do not know for which Mrs. Drake or which Mrs. De Peyster the unmailed letters were intended.

Gibson, the detectives say, registered at the McAlpin August 23 at R. R. Matheide and left there September 6. As the Waldorf he registered as W. M. Chandler of New York.

Gibson said his father is a well-to-do farmer.

PREACHER'S SON DIES OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS

R. W. Jefferson, 28 Years Old, Had Served Overseas.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

UTICA, Sept. 9.—After a five day illness of infantile paralysis, Ralph W. Jefferson, 28 years old, son of the Rev. Charles E. Jefferson, pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle in New York city, and a resident of this city for about three years, died this morning at his home here. He had been ill since Monday.

Mr. Jefferson was a graduate of Yale and served overseas during the world war. Soon after his discharge from the army he came to Utica as manager of one of the factory departments of the Erie R. Co. and later joined the Erie R. Co. as a member of the American Legion and of Plymouth Church.

GOVERNOR'S DAUGHTER HAS BROKEN ANKLE

Miss Eleanor Miller's Horse Fell, Throwing Her.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

SYRACUSE, Sept. 9.—Miss Eleanor Miller, one of the two daughters of Gov. and Mrs. Nathan L. Miller, is confined to the Miller home, 360 James street, with a broken ankle, suffered when she was thrown from a horse while riding.

Dr. Frederick H. Flaherty is attending her. Miss Miller is with servants at the home. Her mother, Mrs. Miller, is at the home. She is with servants at the home. She is with servants at the home.

Miss Miller was riding with a girl companion when the accident happened. Her horse stumbled and fell, throwing her heavily.

FIVE SHOT IN BATTLE ABOARD DRUG SHIP; RAIDER KILLS SELF

Member of Crew Drowns as Federal Agents Join in Hand to Hand Fight.

200 SHOTS ARE FIRED

Contraband Seized Valued at Probably \$1,000,000, Including Liquors.

BLAIR ORDERS INQUIRY

Harbor Police Said to Have Fired Into Melee Fearing River Piracy.

David H. Blair, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, issued orders in Washington last night for an investigation into the suicide yesterday morning of Frank J. Fitzpatrick, chief narcotic agent in this city, soon after the raid on the Greek steamer King Alexander, moored to Pier 22, Brooklyn, in which one member of the crew is believed to have been drowned, five others shot and a score made prisoners. The only explanation obtainable for Fitzpatrick's act was that he had been in ill health for months and the exciting pistol battle probably brought on an attack of temporary insanity.

The battle, which was accompanied by a hand to hand combat with blackjacks and baying pigs, probably was the most spectacular that has been staged in New York harbor in years. Twenty-five Federal booze and narcotic agents faced a hundred Greek seamen and the fight became three-cornered when harbor policemen, thinking river pirates were at work, opened fire at the agents. More than 200 shots were exchanged.

Arrest of 326 of Crew.

An air of mystery was thrown about the raid, in which booze and drugs valued at between \$200,000 and \$1,000,000 were seized, by the suicide of Fitzpatrick. He was in the thick of the fight, but escaped unharmed. The arrests had been made, booze and narcotics seized and the agents were about to go home when he slipped into the wash room of the Atlantic avenue ferryhouse and fired two shots through his body, one penetrating the heart.

The raid and suicide of Fitzpatrick started investigations by both the Federal and municipal authorities. Wallace E. J. Collins, United States Attorney for Brooklyn, started one. James M. Power, United States Marshal, another, and Police Inspector Sweeney of the Eleventh district a third. The first move was the arrest of the entire crew, 326 officers and men. They were carried to the Federal Building, Brooklyn, in patrol wagons and were crowded into the Federal District Court room 6.

Mr. Collins said later that the Federal agents had been informed weeks ago that the King Alexander would carry large stores of liquors and drugs from Athens to New York. Similar information was turned over to the customs authorities and the latter searched the vessel when she arrived here September 1. In this raid 60 bottles of cocaine, 12 packages of opium, 3 packages of hashish, 272 bottles of booze, 5 cases of liquor essence and 3 packages of unidentified drugs were confiscated.

While the customs authorities and revenue agents had the same information it develops that they worked independently. Fitzpatrick and Ralph Oyley, who jointly commanded the drug agents, planned a raid on the King Alexander. Negotiations first were carried on. Mr. Collins said, with Sabbas Menthos, fourth officer, who is missing and is believed to have fallen overboard during the fight.

Menthos arranged for them to approach the vessel early yesterday morning in a launch. Two flashes of a pocket light were to be the signal and the lighting of one of the forward port holes was to be the answer. Oyley and Fitzpatrick were to look over the booze and drugs and then the matter of price was to be agreed upon.

Police Launch Appears.

The launch appeared at the appointed hour and agents had the vessel in short distance away was Police Launch No. 8, in charge of Sergeant David Gosa, which had followed the Federal agents, thinking them pirates, down the East River. The Federal agents had put out from City Island. A rope ladder was dropped over the side and Oyley accompanied by Peter Reager and William Klesick went aboard the vessel.

On deck they found thirty men, they said, juggling booze and bags filled with narcotics. The "stuff" was looked over and it was agreed \$600 would be paid on the spot and the crew remaining on the launch. The price would be turned over when the booze and drugs were safely aboard the launch. A large derrick rigged up on the dock began to hoist bags over the side. Three of these were landed safely on the launch, but the fourth fell into the water.

The police launch was observing this and, according to Mr. Collins, opened fire. The launch fired three shots, the marine division of the Police Department denied any shots were fired by the police, but both Mr. Collins and the Federal agents insist there were. Twelve agents were in the launch and at the first fusillade they started up the rope ladder amid a rain of lead.

The police then drew closer, recognized the other launch as the Eagle of the United States Revenue Service and withdrew.

While the agents were scamping up the ladder their comrades on deck were being attacked by the crew. Shots were fired in all directions. Another squad of agents, who had been waiting in Columbia street, heard the shots and ran to the launch.

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Montana Foothills Are White With First Snow

HELENA, Mont., Sept. 9.—With rain or snow in many parts of the State and unseasonable temperatures Montana to-day is having the first autumnal storm of the year. Colder to-night, with the mercury near freezing, is the Weather Bureau's forecast for the State.

The Rockies near Helena and the foothills were white. In the forenoon snow fell in the valley here. The lowest temperature was 34 degrees at Helena.

MANACLED, MANGLED BODY FOUND IN RIVER

Automobile Salesman Dead and Companion Missing From Chicago.

BUYER UNDER ARREST

Search of Prisoner's Home Discloses Bloodstained Hat and Signs of Struggle.

CHICAGO, Sept. 9.—The body of Bernard J. Dougherty, an automobile salesman, was found manacled and mangled in the Desplaines River near Chicago this morning.

Carl Ausmus, a fellow salesman of Dougherty's with the Packard Motor Car Company, is missing, and H. W. Church, a twenty-year-old youth to whom Dougherty delivered an expensive motor car yesterday, is held to-night at Adams, Wis., in connection with the death of Dougherty.

A pair of handcuffs was attached to one of Dougherty's wrists, a small rope was twisted about his throat and the head had been almost severed from the body. In addition bruises about his head and shoulders seemed to indicate that he had been beaten and kicked. His home was in St. Paul, Minn., and he was widely known as an amateur distance runner in that State. His sister, Miss Hannah Dougherty, is supervisor of the St. Paul schools.

Dougherty had been employed by the Packard company for several years. Three weeks ago he came from Philadelphia to join the sales force here. Yesterday he undertook to deliver an automobile to Church, who said he was buying it for his father. He asked to be driven to a bank, so that he could obtain a certified check to pay for the machine. Dougherty, accompanied by Ausmus, a driver, and followed by another car, which was to return them to the salesroom after the transaction had been completed, started out with Church.

The two machines became separated and the salesman, started on his way and waited. The driver finally became impatient and entered the bank to look for Dougherty. When he returned he found a note tied to the steering wheel telling him to return to the shop and signed with Dougherty's name. According to officials of the company this note was not in Dougherty's handwriting.

Neighbors told of seeing Church drive up to his home in the car accompanied by two men. The three were said to have entered the house, which is a two story apartment building, the lower floor being occupied by Church and his mother. No one has been found who could remember seeing the two automobiles leave, but several have seen Church and another woman to Indiana Harbor. Early this morning Church and his mother again took the car, telling neighbors they were going to Adams, Wis., to visit at their former home, where Church's father had just bought a farm. Church was arrested as he entered the town in the machine, but denied all knowledge of Dougherty's death.

Following the identification of Dougherty's body this morning the police searched the home of Paulsen, finding a blood stained hat with the initials C. A. A.—Ausmus's initials—a brown hat later identified as having been worn by Dougherty, a blood stained quilt and an axe and a baseball bat stained with blood. Dougherty's salesman's manual was found in the bottom of a box of junk. The entire cellar bore evidence of a terrific struggle, the walls being stained with blood.

The police believe the two automobiles men were trapped in the basement and slain.

ADAMS, Wis., Sept. 9.—Acting on instructions from the police at Chicago, Chief of Police Charles Paulsen late today arrested H. W. Church as he drove into Adams in a large automobile. He was accompanied by his mother, Mrs. Edward Church, who was detained.

When taken into custody Church readily denied knowledge of the murder. He admitted, however, that he was acquainted with both the murdered salesman and the missing man.

Church's father, Edward Church, recently purchased a farm near here and young Church said that he had driven his mother here for a visit.

ROME OPPOSES CONVICTION.

By the Associated Press.

ROME, Sept. 9.—The police have prohibited public meetings and parades arranged by Socialists here in protest against the death sentence of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were convicted of first degree murder recently in Massachusetts. The Socialist press is greatly agitated over the sentence.

26 "SLAVES" SOLD ON AUCTION BLOCK ON BOSTON COMMON

Women Weep and Shower Coins on Jobless Who Offer to Work for Food.

SECOND DAY OF SALE

Many Ex-Service Men Offered in Brisk and Excited Auction.

ONE FAINTS ON BLOCK

Girls Surrender Lunch Money to Provide for Needs of Unemployed.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

BOSTON, Sept. 9.—Women wept and threw money at Edward Dixon, an ex-serviceman from Philadelphia, as the latter collapsed on the auction block this afternoon on Boston Common while being offered for sale by Urbaine Ledoux. It was the second day of the sale.

Dixon, a slender black haired youth, in a greasy khaki shirt, without jacket, and with torn blue trousers held up with a strap, wept as Ledoux recounted the boy's history. As the tears streamed down his cheeks he collapsed and would have fallen had not Ledoux caught him in his arms.

Money Showered on Stand.

As the two stood before the 5,000 gathered on the stand many women gave way to tears. Other women and many girls opened their purses and showered money on the stand, many giving up their lunch money.

After the boy had been assisted to a seat Ledoux called for Mrs. Dixon. "Never in the history of the Republic," he said, "have you ever witnessed such a scene as this—which demonstrates the great sorrow of hearts that are broken."

He said Dixon lost his father in the war, that his mother had recently died and that the lad was now homeless, penniless, jobless and starving. He finally told the crowd that Dixon was a good boy, that he was willing to do anything to provide for himself. Dixon was too weak to even stand while thanking her and Ledoux for their interest.

Ledoux was cheered when he reached the Common with his "slave" band, twenty-six men in all, many of them ex-service men. The men did not have to wait long before their pleas for food and shelter in exchange for their utmost service were heard. The bidding was brisk and exciting. Many who were so placed as to be unable to provide work or shelter for the "slaves" insisted on giving cash to the men instead of their usual food and shelter.

Within half an hour three had been "sold" and, in contrast to the rather meagre offerings of Thursday, upward of \$15 was offered for their services, while two others had secured more permanent jobs. A theatrical man agreed to give twenty of the men a chance as supers at "22 days of two weeks' work."

"Tragedy of Your City."

In his opening address Ledoux asked for seriousness.

"This is no joke," he said, "this is not a melodrama. It is all the greatest tragedies of your city. Shakespeare has said 'The world is a stage.' You are now on the stage—play your part."

He apologized for his poor voice and said he had tried unsuccessfully to get another to take his place as auctioneer, but when he went to the stables "to get men who were used to selling flesh on the hoof"—these men were afraid to come. Miss Viola Roach volunteered her services and was accepted.

Frank Gonnaro, the first youth put up, had been seen out of work since March without food two days and without a place to sleep two months. Miss Roach knelt him down for two months work at \$25 a week, his purchase money to be paid in \$5 bills to get himself together with. Gonnaro was almost too dazed for words over his good fortune, but managed to articulate thanks to Miss Roach and Ledoux before departing with his new friend.

The next man up had seen twenty-five months' service in the United States army. He was willing "to do anything." The auctioneer took him as one of his group at \$25 a week and promised him two weeks' work. The man refused an offer of food and shelter, declaring it was work he was after. The third man up, with a record of two and a half years overseas, landed a permanent job as assistant janitor at \$25 a month, with board, lodging, clothes and laundry.

New York Youth Offered.

Here Miss Roach's voice gave out and Ledoux essayed the task, only to be forced to give up because of his throat, and another man assumed the task. His first offering was Harry Friedman, 17½ years old, of New York. An overseas sergeant finally took him, with the promise to care for him until he got work. The lad left the stand several dollars to the good as the result of money pressed on him by sympathetic women and men.

Ledoux, having doctored his throat, now resumed the task, as bidding seemed to be lagging and he wanted to

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WHOLE NATION ONLY ISSUE, HARDING WARNS ALL BLOCS, FARM, LABOR OR SECTIONAL

President, With Full Support of Cabinet, Determined to Put Stop to Class Organizations When Against Interests of the Majority.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

A restraining hand is to be laid by the Harding Administration upon group and sectional organizations in American government. The President, with the full cooperation of his Cabinet, is determined to stop class organization and class action, when this action means preferment of an organized minority against the best interests of the people of the United States.

With the Administration giving its primary thought to big movements for international comity, release from heavy tax burdens and a restoration of normal conditions at home, much pressure has been brought to bear for group action or group representation, in one way or another.

President Harding is bitterly opposed to this situation. His opposition has been felt in the organization of the American personnel for the armament parity and for the conference on unemployment in the United States. Hereafter, it was authoritatively and officially declared to-day, executive action on any of the pressing problems of the moment will not be influenced or directed by class organizations or group organizations. The Administration will not yield to the pressure, public or insidious, that can be exerted because of political organizations by various groups of any community.

The determination of the Administration will extend to legislative as well as executive action. Blocs in the Senate and in the House will be opposed by the Administration when their proposals are for the benefit of a community, or group of citizenship, as opposed to the benefit of the people as a whole.

It is known President Harding has in mind in this respect the agricultural bloc in Senate and House, with its subdivisions into the fruit growers, the livestock growers, the grain farmers and the cotton growers. This bloc has become bold, and often has threatened, if not attacked, party lines. Its work is to be opposed as unstatesmanlike, against the common welfare, and as opposed to political organization.

There are other blocs in Senate and House, particularly the labor bloc, which unites on all labor questions irrespective of party lines. Then there is the sugar bloc, the industrial bloc, including representatives of the manufacturing communities of the country, and the lumber bloc.

The Administration, it was officially and authoritatively stated to-day, will not be ruled by any group organization, within or without the Government. President Harding is opposed to it and he is ably supported.

TRADE REVIVAL SEEN IN POSTAL RECEIPTS

Hays Says That Revenues Increased First Time Since He Took Office.

CABINET GETS REPORTS

Hoover Tells of Improvement in Manufacturing, Wholesale and Retail Business.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.

New York, Sept. 9.—Administration officials are greatly cheered over informal reports received by the Cabinet indicating a marked business revival.

Postmaster-General Hays reported to the Cabinet to-day that in August the postal business of the country and postal receipts increased for the first time since he took office.

The postal business is regarded as the greatest and most authentic business barometer. A slowing in the mails always presages a dull business season. For many months postal receipts and the amount of post office business have been below normal.

In addition the Cabinet received informal reports from Secretary Hoover and others that showed an improved cotton and grain situation, and a slow but consistent recovery in manufacturing, wholesale and retail business.

Official Washington regards it as odd in some respects that the livestock industry and live stock growers still suffer from depression and falling prices, although the Federal Government was more liberal in financial and other aid for the livestock growers than for any other class.

Reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission show an increased freight movement and a gain in railroad earnings.

This situation is regarded as being helpful in the solution of the unemployment problem, which was discussed at the Cabinet meeting. Representation at the unemployment conference, soon to be held, will be on a geographic rather than an industrial or group basis.

Mr. Hoover conferred with Secretary of Labor Davis to-day, and they agreed that labor should be adequately represented in the gathering, numbering about thirty representative men from various fields of industrial endeavor. It was said that their meeting brought the date of the coming conference closer. Full plans are expected to be made public by Monday.

MOTOR PLANT TO REOPEN.

Elmira Cement Calls 2,000 Former Employees.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Sept. 9.—The Willys-Morrow company, in this city, which manufactures parts for the Willys-Overland automobile, to-day issued a call for 2,000 former employees to return to work.

The plant has been closed for several weeks.

HARDINGS PLAN CRUISE OFF VIRGINIA CAPES

President Will Not Go to Bar Harbor.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—President and Mrs. Harding will take another week and vacation, beginning tomorrow. They had not decided to-night regarding the trip, but another cruise on the Mayflower was in prospect.

It was said definitely, however, that the President would not go to Bar Harbor, as had been suggested. A cruise to Hampton Roads and off the coast appeared probable.

U.S. OIL MEN PLEASED AT MEXICAN ACTION

American Representatives Are Back From Satisfactory Conference With Obregon.

TAX CONCESSIONS MADE

Troubles Adjusted and Supply Will Be Released for This Country at Once.

Special Despatch to The New York Herald.